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Hello friends of Ministry Haven!

We have made some big changes in our ministry that we are excited to tell you about. After 17 years of ministry in Norwood, Colorado, the Lord has led us to a new location in Eckert, Colorado. The way this all transpired is a miracle in itself. Here is a brief version of the story.

As we were approaching the empty nester phase of life, it became apparent that the Ministry Haven property in Norwood was too much for us to handle on our own. Ken was still working two full-time jobs, one at the Norwood school and one as pastor of Redvale Church, and still trying to manage Ministry Haven's aging facility.

We felt we needed to make a change, sought the Lord's guidance, and put the property up for sale. While we loved the property and the friends we had in Norwood, it was just too much for us to keep up with all of the maintenance and constant repairs required for the aging buildings.

After two years on the market and no interest at all from potential buyers, we resigned ourselves to the fact that we were here to stay for the foreseeable future. We let go of the idea of moving, took the property off the market, and turned everything over to God and His timing. He knew the struggles we were having and the negative impact on our health that the current situation was having. We trusted Him to guide us through this phase of our life.

As often happens when we try to do things on our own and fail, once we finally let go and turn it over to God, He works things out. We continued along for six or seven months in status quo. Then in July, out of the blue, we received an unsolicited offer to buy the property. It was a rollercoaster of a ride getting to closing and finding a new property where we could still continue the ministry, but by the end of September we finally closed on both properties and moved to our new location in Eckert, Colorado.

Ken will no longer have to work multiple jobs and Chris will have Ken around to help out more with the ministry. The property will allow us to continue our hospitality ministry to pastors and missionaries, albeit on a smaller scale than before. The property has a parsonage for us to live in and a small, one bedroom guest house for our ministry guests. There are far fewer buildings to maintain which makes it much more manageable for us.

We are still working out the details of how the guest ministry is going to work out, getting the property into shape for guests next summer, and getting settled in to our new home. We will keep you posted on our website as we move forward.

In addition to continuing the hospitality part of the ministry, Ken will also now have the time to write books and small group bible studies and also produce videos to encourage and educate Christian families. Chris will have a smaller facility to keep prepared for guests and much needed help from Ken, now that he will be available to help full-time. We should also both be able to spend more time with our guests, something we weren't able to do much in Norwood.

While we have changed locations, we are still going strong in our ministry, possibly even stronger than before. While Ken is no longer working at the school or in full-time preaching ministry at a church, he is far from retired. He is now full-time with the ministry. He can finally focus on just building up Ministry Haven's ministry to pastors and missionaries and creating resources for Christian families and small churches around the country.

We thank you for your continued support and we ask for your prayers as we transition to this new location and new areas of ministry. If you can provide financial support to help us continue the ministry, that would be a great help and much appreciated. Our new address is in the footer below.

Serving Christ and His servants,

Ken and Chris Lawrence  
Hosts - Ministry Haven